

**March 30-April 1, 2013**

**Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.**

### **Ingham County Legal News: Volunteers at Novi's 52-1 District Court are focus of new Court Stories video**

"A husband-and-wife volunteer team who welcome, guide, and reassure visitors to Novi's 52-1 District Court are among those featured in the newest episode in Court Stories, the Michigan Supreme Court's online video series."

*Full story*

#### **Also see:**

### **Volunteers at Novi's 52-1 District Court are focus of new *Court Stories* video**

*Press release*

### **The Detroit News: Michigan appeals court upholds dismissal of libel suit against The News**

"The Michigan State Court of Appeals said Friday it has upheld a lower court's decision dismissing a libel suit filed against The Detroit News by a Detroit police officer. In May 2011, Officer Paytra Williams filed a lawsuit against the newspaper and then-staff reporter Charlie LeDuff on accusations of publishing false information with malice."

*Full story*

### **Detroit Free Press: Wayne County prosecutor Kym Worthy cuts start to affect suburbs; Warrants, staffing are among the concerns**

"Some suburban district courts are beginning to feel the impact of budget cuts and layoffs at the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, resulting in charges being dropped in one felony case, prosecutors appearing on fewer days of the week and warnings being issued that warrants may be delayed."

*Full story*

### **Detroit Legal News: Jurists study complex business litigation at judicial college in Reno**

"Three Michigan jurists recently studied complex business litigation at the National Judicial College in Reno in preparation for specialty business courts. Judge Chris Yates has a pilot program in Grand Rapids and Judges Wendy Baxter and Amy Hathaway who preside in Wayne County Circuit Court will coordinate study programs for other county courts and judges."

*Full story*

### **Grand Rapids Press: Hudsonville Judge Ken Post ready to serve 30-day suspension, attorney says**

"Hudsonville District Court Judge Kenneth Post is ready to accept a 30-day suspension from the bench after he threw an attorney in jail in December 2011 for contempt of court. Post's attorney, Doug Van Essen, on Monday said Post is willing to accept last month's recommendation from the state Judicial Tenure Commission that he serve a 30-day suspension."

*Full story*

#### **Also see:**

### **The Holland Sentinel: Judge Kenneth Post accepts 30-day suspension**

*Full story*

### **The MiLW Blog: Hudsonville judge takes 30-day suspension**

*Full story*

## **WOOD-TV(8)/Grand Rapids: Judge Post won't fight suspension**

*Full story*

## **WZZM-TV(13)/Grand Rapids: Judge Post accepts suspension recommendation**

*Full story*

## **Hometown Life Newspapers: Supreme Court justice appeals for campaign changes**

"During a Lyon Area Rotary luncheon March 28 Michigan Supreme Court Justice Brian Zahra rallied against forcing judges to campaign.... Zahra was appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder to succeed Justice Maura Corrigan in 2011 and he was elected to a partial term last November. His current term expires in 2015."

*Full story*

## **Hometown Life Newspapers: Court's in session: Students learn the real impact of drug abuse**

"The impact drugs and alcohol can have on a life were presented in a real-life when 48th District Court Judge Diane D'Agostini held a live court session at First Presbyterian Church Birmingham. The court docket included three alcohol and drug related offenses. Watching the proceedings were over 90 students from seven public, private and parochial high schools and over 40 adults/parents from the community."

*Full story*

## **Hometown Life Newspapers: Guest readers push literacy**

"Dodson Elementary School in Canton recently held a Guest Reader Day as part of the Rockin' and Readin' celebration of the March Reading Month observance.... Guest readers included ... Judge James Plakas from the 35th District Court and many others."

*Full story*

## **Hometown Life Newspapers: Third-graders exonerate Snow White in court trial, learn city workings**

"Forest Elementary third-graders tested their mettle and proved they could easily step in and run the city of Farmington Hills and the 47th District Court. Of course, they didn't walk blindly into their roles during a morning at city hall and in Judge Marla Parker's courtroom Thursday."

*Full story*

## **Ingham County Legal News: Former Chief Justice joins Wayne Law faculty**

"Justice Marilyn Kelly, who served for 16 years on the state's top court, will bring what she has learned over her illustrious career to the halls of her alma mater. She has joined the faculty of Wayne State University Law School as its first 'distinguished jurist in residence.' "

*Full story*

## **Ingham County Legal News: Justice Delayed: Brothers Thomas and Raymond Highers released from prison after 25 years**

"Decades in prison could have broken two brothers' spirits and burdened them with a sense of hopelessness that can deaden the soul. But Thomas and Raymond Highers, less than a year apart in age, never gave up trying to prove that they were innocent of murder."

*Full story*

## **Jackson County Legal News: Jurist relished election challenge**

"In legal terms, [U.S. District Court Judge George Steeh III, a former Macomb County Circuit Court judge,] was just a lad at the time, only a few years removed from law school and sporting barely three years of experience as an assistant prosecuting attorney in the topsy-turvy world of Genesee County ... [when he] decided to take on an incumbent in the race for Washtenaw County Prosecutor."

*Full story*

**Note: The article also ran in the Washtenaw County Legal News.**

### **Macomb County Legal News: Taking courts to the 'Next Gen'**

"The Michigan Supreme Court, the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) and its Judicial Information Systems division (JIS) continue to implement technological renovations to Michigan courts that are expected to produce long-term dividends for the judiciary."

*Full story*

### **Macomb County Legal News: Mock trial benefits CARE House (caption)**

"The Auburn Hills campus of Cooley Law School recently hosted a Mock Trial to benefit CARE House of Oakland County.... Taking part in the event were ... Oakland County 46th District Court Judge Bill Richards who served as the Mock Trial's judge ..."

*Full story*

### **The Macomb Daily: 'Scary Mary' to take unique style to 'Dateline'**

"She is 'Scary Mary' to many, but Judge Mary Chrzanowski's prior battle with alcohol, blunt personality and hands-on approach made her more than that to the producers of 'Dateline' on NBC-TV. The show, which has highlighted several Macomb County court cases in recent years, in recent months filmed the judge and her involvement in the adult Drug Court in Warren and Juvenile Drug Court at circuit court in Mount Clemens."

*Full story*

### **Midland Daily News: Judge DQs self from bath salts case**

"Midland County's only circuit court judge has disqualified himself from the case of a man charged in connection with the largest local seizure of the designer drug called bath salts to date. William Keith Carrington, 50, Midland, appeared before Midland County Circuit Court Judge Michael J. Beale on Thursday afternoon for what was scheduled to be a plea hearing."

*Full story*

### **Muskegon Chronicle: See which six Muskegon County attorneys are in the running for circuit court judge**

"Six Muskegon County attorneys are in the running for the appointment to succeed retiring Muskegon County 14th Circuit Judge John C. Ruck. Gov. Rick Snyder will make the appointment. But first the candidates will be vetted by a panel from the State Bar of Michigan."

*Full story*

### **SBM Blog: Governor Seeks Applicants for Macomb Circuit Vacancy**

"The Governor is seeking applications from qualified members of the bar for a judgeship in the 16th Circuit Court, Macomb County. The vacancy was created by the appointment of Judge David Viviano to the Michigan Supreme Court. The application deadline is April 18, 2013."

*Full story*

### **The Times Herald/Port Huron: Business Briefcase: Awards, honors**

"Charles G. Kelly has been awarded the Honorable James T. Cordon Civility Award by the St. Clair County Bar Association.... The award honors the memory of Judge James T. Corden. Kelly is a member of Port Huron law firm Kelly Whipple Zick & Keyes, PLLC."

*Full story*

**\*\* The article is available by subscription only.**

### **Traverse City Record-Eagle: Editorial: Case against ex-Meijer lawyer puts face on Acme violations**

"Someone finally may have to personally pay the piper for Meijer, Inc.'s abuse of Acme Township residents and government officials during the second half of the past decade.... Grievance commission officials allege Timothy Stoeper, a Grand Rapids-based lawyer with heavyweight firm Dickinson Wright, gave false statements during a 2007 deposition in Bill Boltres' lawsuit against Meijer."

[\*Full story\*](#)

### **Traverse City Record-Eagle: Feds bring civil tax case against local attorney**

"Federal authorities are taking legal action against a Traverse City bankruptcy lawyer accused of neglecting to pay more than \$300,000 in taxes. A complaint filed this month in U.S. District Court states Wallace H. Tuttle failed to pay \$121,439 in trust fund taxes withheld from wages of legal firm employees between 1998 and 2002."

[\*Full story\*](#)

***Also see:***

### **The MiLW Blog: Traverse City bankruptcy lawyer accused of \$300,000 in tax neglect**

[\*Full story\*](#)

### **Washtenaw County Legal News: Grand jury to probe meningitis deaths**

"Attorney General Bill Schuette has filed a petition with the Michigan Court of Appeals requesting a multi-county grand jury to see if any laws were broken by the tainted steroids that killed at least 14 in Michigan."

[\*Full story\*](#)

### **WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: LeDuff: Judge McCree answers Judicial Tenure Commission complaint**

"Circuit court Judge Wade McCree officially answered a complaint brought by the Judicial Tenure Commission Thursday - a complaint that might lead to him being bounced on the street. Judge McCree admits that he began a sexual relationship with a young woman who had a case before him on child support."

[\*Full story\*](#)